

From: Rwaggs2@aol.com@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR,microsoftcomments@doj.ca.gov@inetgw,...
Date: 11/27/01 12:41pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

US Department of Justice-Microsoft antitrust comments:

I believe this settlement should be declined. Microsoft has once again gained the upper hand and will only benefit. The settlement should be made in order to change their behavior, this does nothing to address their behavior and will not change it in the future, allowing them to continue to bilk the public.

How could providing their software and training to schools (or anyone) free of charge not increase their market share? Wouldn't that be adding to the issue at hand? I think its obvious that Microsoft should be not rewarded with an increase in consumer usage. Perhaps disseminating their software bundles and a truly steep fine (cash only!) would be sufficient. Donate the cash fine to the schools - NOT as a donation from Microsoft but as an increase in the annual school budgets or a blind influx of books and supplies.

Surely you can see that, while donating to schools is a noble endeavor, doing it with a specific company's product who is already the dominant force (the reason for this judgment makes that case) is only helping Microsoft, not punishing them.

Robin Wagganer

* * * * *

Robin Wagganer
Creative Marketing Strategies
P: 408.287.7283
F: 703.935.7183